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SUBJECT: JOINT PANAMANIAN-JAMAICAN COMMUNIQUE

SUMMARY: THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF TORRIJOS' TWO DAY VISIT WITH JAMAICA'S PRIME MINISTER MANLEY, APRIL 20-21, REAFFIRMED JAMAICA'S SUPPORT OF PANAMA'S EFFORT TO REGAIN SOVEREIGNTY AND EFFECTIVE JURISDICTION OVER THE CANAL ZONE, AND EXCLUSIVE CONTROL BY THE YEAR 2000. DISCUSSIONS DEALING WITH LAW OF THE SEA, THE ROLE OF THE U.N. AND SELA IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA WERE ALSO NOTED BY THE COMMUNIQUE. BOTH LEADERS REITERATED SUPPORT FOR THE UPCOMING MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN SRI LANKA AND FOR RESOLUTION 242 OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL. FINALLY, TORRIJOS EXTENDED AND MANLEY ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT PANAMA. END SUMMARY.

1. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, CARRIED HERE IN LOCAL PRESS, INDICATED THAT ECONOMIC TOPICS DOMINATED TALKS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER MANLEY AND CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OMAR TORRIJOS IN JAMAICA, APRIL 20. 21. ON THE SUBJECT OF LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT, THE COMMUNIQUE NOTED BOTH LEADERS
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EFFECTIVE ROLE IN ACHIEVING WORLD PEACE, THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. BOTH ALSO CONCURRED IN THE NECESSITY TO RESTRUCTURE THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM TO BETTER DEAL WITH CURRENT ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEMANDS OF LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. FULL SUPPORT WAS GIVEN TO SELA AS THE MECHANISM FOR THE COORDINATION AND STIMULATION OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN LATIN AMERICA.

2. BOTH LEADERS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH DEBATES IN THE LOS CONFERENCE TAKING PLACE IN NEW YORK, AND THE PROGRESS BEING MADE TO AMPLIFY RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES WITHIN THE 200 MILES OF THEIR ADJACENT SEAS.

3. AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, IT WAS AGREED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES, IN THE UPCOMING MEETING IN SRI LANKA, GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST NEOCOLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. IN REGARD TO THE MIDDLE EAST, FULL SUPPORT WAS ALSO EXPRESSED FOR RESOLUTION 242 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. THE COMMUNIQUE PRODUCED THE EXPECTED STATEMENT OF JAMAICA'S SUPPORT FOR PANAMA'S EFFORT TO REGAIN "EFFECTIVE SOVEREIGNTY AND FULL JURISDICTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OVER THE CANAL ZONE, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FULL AND EXCLUSIVE CONTROL WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD THAT WILL NOT GO BEYOND THE YEAR 2000."

5. FINALLY IN PRO FORMA FASHION, TORRIJOS TENDERED AND MANLEY ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT PANAMA. NO DATE WAS SPECIFIED.

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